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MEMORANDUM FOR:	Deputy Director for Administration	
FROM:	Director of Training and Education	25X1
SUBJECT:	Performance of Internal Students in the Operations Course - Response to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Inquiry	

1. This memorandum addresses a recent comment made to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence by the Chief,

to the effect that "internals" attending recent runnings of the Operations Course (OC) "have not distinguished themselves."

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- We have looked at the last four OCs (OC 2-82, 1-83, 2-83 and 1-84), a period during which increasing numbers of "internals" were placed in the OC to fill a void created by a shortfall in Career Trainee (CT) recruitments. While we do not rank OC students by class standing, we do maintain computerized "scores" to help us monitor class progress, spot individual and class problem areas and as a benchmark for final evaluations. Using these raw scores and the breakdown the DO Career Management Staff uses for evaluation panel rankings, we find that the 36 "internals" who attended the last four OCs ranked as follows: five or 14% in the top 20% of their class, eight or 22% in the high-middle, seven or 19% in the middle-middle, eight or 22% in the low-middle, and eight or 22% in the low 20%. This is the approximate spread one would expect for any group of OC students. We believe, for reasons explained below, that the data is slightly misleading.
- 3. Again, while we do not rank OC students by final evaluation, we do identify top students by selecting those who complete the OC "with distinction" and those at the bottom who are "not certified" as being qualified for assignment as field operations officers. Using these statistics, we find that 15% of CTs

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attending these four OCs were selected for "distinction" while only 5% of the "internals" were so selected. These figures are also misleading since neither of the two "internals" selected for "distinction" fit the usual pattern of an internal One was the wife of an Agency employee who Agency employee. worked as a contract employee during her husband's assignment She was assessed by the Soviet East European Division/DO as having operations potential and was sponsored by that Division for the OC rather than being referred to the CT Program for which she would certainly have qualified. other was a new-hire International Activities Division/DO employee, age 38, and a West Point graduate, selected for his background in economics who also could just as easily have been brought on board via the CT Program. Also, one "noncertified" CT included in our statistics was actually an "internal" who was shoehorned into the CT Program with considerable reservation due to linguistic and ethnic needs of his division. drop these three individuals from the above statistics, we find that only 9% of OC "internals" fall within the top 20% of their class while 16% fall within the bottom 20%. We also find that 0% of "internals" complete the OC with "distinction."

4. The DO has a need to fill the operations officers ranks with qualified personnel. The CT Program has provided the quality officers required. CTs, as a group, have consistently performed better than have the internals as a group.

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